(b) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Details regarding incidence of polio in the State of Bihar among the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are not available separately. However, as per the reports of the C.B.H.I., the reported cases of polio in the State of Bihar for the last three years are given below:—

Year	POLIO	
	Cases	Death
1984 . . .	51	..
1985 . . .	267	6
1986 (upto June) .	76	1

From the above table, it is seen that there is increase in cases during 1985 as compared to 1984, which might be due to the increased awareness of the disease and improvement in the detection of cases.

(b) Free supply of polio vaccine is made to the State for the prevention of the disease. Further, to reduce the morbidity and mortality due to Poliomyelitis, Polio vaccination has been included under the expanded Programme on Immunization for 1979-80. The universal Immunization Programme started in 1985-86 also involves immunization against Poliomyelities and, by 1990, 85 per cent of the infants would be covered under this Programme. This percentage of coverage, it is expacted, would be enough to provide the required 'herd immunity' against the disease. The programme is implemented through the staff of the State Health Department and the percentage coverage against polio in Bihar for the last three years is given below:

(Figures in lakhs)

Year	Annual target	% Achievement of Annual Target
1983-84 . . .	6·0	44·3
1984-85 . . .	7·0	34·0
1985-86 . . .	6·0	72·3

Suburban trains facilities between Burdwan and Asansol

1752. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems faced by the people due to non-availability of suburban trains facility between Burdwan and Asansol; and

(b) if so, the time by when EMU electric local trains between Burdwan and Asansol are proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 10 pairs of stopping passenger trains and 16 pairs of Mail/Express trains all hauled by electric locos are available on Barddhaman-Asansol section. These services are adequately meeting the requirements to state:

(b) Heavy investment will be required to make the section fit for running of EMU stock and for procurement of additional EMU rakes. In view of scarcity of resources, there is no plan to run EMU trains on this section for the present.

Change in train routes and timings connecting Bihar to Delhi-New Delhi

1753. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received by Government during the period

from 1st January 1986 to 28th February, 1987 for change of routes and timings of trains connecting Bihar and Delhi/New Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Representations have been received for change in the route and timings of 915/916 New Delhi- Puri Express and 101/102Ho New Delhi Rajdhani Express. The present arrangements are in best interest of the travelling public.

Passenger amenities at railway stations in Bihar

1754. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any representations have been received by government during the last three years for providing additional passnger facilties/amenities at various railway stations in Bihar;

(b) if so, the names of such stations where passenuger amenties had been demanded; and

(c) the amount allocated by the concerned Railway for providing such amenities during each of the past three years separately for each year including the current and the ensuring financal years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)to (c) The inforamtion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Youth Policy

1755. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Youth Policy so far; and

(b) if so, what are the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) After consultation with young persons in two national seminars, a draft youth policy incorporating the ideas of the youth has been prepared and is now under circulation to the State Governments/Union Territory Administration, Ministries/ Departments in the Government of India and Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of the youth for comments. It is proposed to discuss the draft youth policy at a Conference of State Ministers in charge of Youth Affairs and then finalise it for being placed before the Parliament.

दूरसंचार के मामले में शहरी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के बीच असमानता

1756. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूरसंचार के मामले में बड़े शहरों और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के बीच मामूली असमानता है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस संबंध में ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों की सारी जिम्मेदारी विभाग के विभागेत्तर कर्मचारियों को सौंपदी गयी है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि ऐसे व्यक्तियों को, जिन्हें ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में डाक पोस्ट-मास्टर नियुक्त किया जाता है, सेवाओं को चलाने के लिए अपने मकान देने पड़ते हैं जिनका उन्हें किराया नहीं दिया जाता है और ;

(घ) बड़े शहरों में इस प्रकार के डाकघरों का प्रतिशत कितना है और गांवों और शहरों के बीच असमानता बनाये रखने के क्या कारण हैं;